

Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: *Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code*

State Clearinghouse No. SCH #2010051001 (Previous SCH #1990011025)
Project Title: Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project: Addendum to the Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report for UTC Transit Center Parking Structure
Project Applicant: San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG)
Project Location: City of San Diego and County of San Diego

Project Description:

The Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project will extend the San Diego Trolley Blue Line from the Santa Fe Depot in Downtown San Diego north to the Old Town Transit Center (OTTC) via the existing Trolley tracks. New tracks would then extend north for 11 miles to the University Towne Centre (UTC) Transit Center in University City. Nine new stations (four at grade and five aerial) would be built at the following locations: Tecolote Road, Clairemont Drive, Balboa Avenue, Nobel Drive, Veterans Administration Medical Center, University of California San Diego (USCD) West Campus (now referred to as Pepper Canyon), USCD East Campus (now referred to as Voigt Drive), Executive Drive, and the UTC Transit Center. With this extension, the project would provide for continuous service on the Trolley Blue Line from the San Ysidro Transit Center at the U.S.-Mexico international border to University City. In addition to the 11 miles of new Trolley tracks and nine new stations, the project includes upgrades to existing facilities between the Santa Fe Depot and the OTTC, and the acquisition of new Trolley vehicles for the extended project operation. The project alignment would be located primarily within existing Metropolitan Transit System, City of San Diego, or California Department of Transportation right-of-way; along local streets; and within the Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency and Interstate 5 corridors.

The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) served as the lead agency for the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report/Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (Final SEIS/SEIR) for the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project. On November 21, 2014, the SANDAG Board of Directors certified the Final SEIS/SEIR and adopted the Findings of Fact, the Statement of Overriding Considerations, the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and finally, the project itself. The Notice of Determination for the Final SEIS/SEIR was filed with the San Diego County Clerk on November 21, 2014, and with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research on November 24, 2014.

SANDAG proposes the construction of a parking structure on the Westfield UTC shopping center property in the City of San Diego. The parking structure was refined from the Draft SEIS/SEIR and would consist of up to 4 stories, including the ground floor, providing up to 340 transit parking spaces to serve the UTC Transit Center. Since completion of the Final SEIS/SEIR, SANDAG has coordinated with Westfield UTC shopping center representatives for the construction of a parking structure to provide transit parking. The parking structure refinement and construction would be in lieu of purchasing 2 existing shopping center parking

spaces to serve the UTC Transit Center, as was envisioned in the Final SEIS/SEIR. The agency prepared an Addendum to the Final SEIS/SEIR to evaluate the environmental impacts of the parking structure. The Addendum provides the documentation to demonstrate that 1) no new or greater impacts than those disclosed in the Draft and Final SEIS/SEIR would result from the parking structure; 2) the impact conclusions in the Final SEIS/SEIR remain unchanged, and 3) parking structure refinements would not result in or create any of the conditions in Public Resources Code Section 21166 or Section 15162 of the CEQA Guidelines that would necessitate the preparation of a Subsequent or Supplemental EIR. The Board of Directors has made the following determinations in consideration of the aforementioned Addendum and its associated Final SEIS/SEIR, appendices, technical studies, comments, reports, public notices, and other documents:

1. The Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program that was adopted on November 21, 2014 would be adequate in the mitigation of potential impacts of the changes to the project described in the Addendum to less-than-significant levels.
2. The Findings of Fact adopted on November 21, 2014 continue to be representative of the project inclusive of the changes to the project described in the Addendum.
3. The Statement of Overriding Considerations adopted on November 21, 2014 continues to be representative of the project inclusive of the changes to the project described in the Addendum.

The Addendum and the Final SEIS/SEIR with comments and responses and record of project approval are available to the General Public at: **401 B Street, Suite 800, San Diego, CA 92101.**

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Authority Cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21000-21174, Public Resources Code; Title 14. Cal. Code Regs., Section 15162.